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INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: DTA COMMENTS ON WALVIS BAY

ON JULY 25, EMBASSY PRETORIA, RECEIVED FOR URGENT TRANSMITTAL TO SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE THE FOLLOWING CABLE IN WHICH THE DEMOCRATIC TURNHALLE ALLICANCE OF NAMIBIA CALLS UPON THE US NOT TO DEVIATE FROM THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSALS OR TO INCLUDE WALVIS BAY IN THE PROPOSALS BEING SUBMITTED TO THE SECURITY COUCIL.

BEGIN TEXT: THE DEMOCRATIC TURNHALLE ALLICANCE, BEING THE LARGEST AND MOST REPRESENTATIVE POLITICAL BODY IN NAMIBIA,  
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HAD, AFTER PROTRACTED DISCUSSION WITH BOTH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIVE WESTERN POWERS REPEATEDLY BEEN GIVEN THE ASSURANCE THAT THE PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY THE WESTERN POWERS WERE FINAL AND COULD OR WOULD NOT BE CHANGED OR AMENDED. ACCEPTING THESE ASSURANCES, THE DTA ACCEPTED THE WESTERN PROPOSALS.

THE DTA WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH ALL THE CONDITIONS  
STIPULATED IN THE PROPOSALS BUT BECAUSE THEY WERE HELD TO  
BE FINAL PROPOSALS, WE ACCEPTED THEM.

FURTHERMORE, THE DTA WAS GIVEN THE ASSURANCE BY THE FIVE  
WESTERN POWERS THAT THE MATTER OF WALVIS BAY WOULD NOT BE  
INCLUDED AND THAT BOTH THE WESTERN POWERS AND SOUTH AFRICA  
HELD THAT THE WALVIS BAY MATTER COULD ONLY BE DISCUSSED  
AND RESOLVED ON A BASIS OF NEGOTIATION BETWEEN A GOVERNMENT  
OF AN INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA.

BECAUSE THE DTA ACCEPTED THE ASSURANCES OF THE FIVE  
WESTERN POWERS AS WELL AS THAT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT,  
IT AGREED TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINAL PROPOSALS PUT FORTH  
BY THE WESTERN POWERS.

SUBSEQUENT TO THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE APPARENT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN SWAPO AND THE FIVE WESTERN POWERS IN LUANDA ON JULY  
17/18, 1978, THERE WERE NO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DTA,  
NOR WERE WE INFORMED AS TO THE STEPS ENVISAGED BY THE FIVE  
WESTERN POWERS REGARDING WALVIS BAY, ALTHOUGH REPRESENTATIVES  
OF BRITAIN, AMERICA, AND GERMANY WERE IN WINDHOEK AT THE  
TIME AND ALSO CAME INTO TOUCH WITH INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE  
DTA.

IT IS THEREFORE WITH UTTER AMAZEMENT, FRUSTRATION,  
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AND DISGUST THAT THE DTA NOW HAS TO LEARN THROUGH THE  
PRESS-MEDIA, THAT THE WESTERN POWERS ARE INCLUDING THE MATTER  
OF WALVIS BAY IN THEIR PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL.

THE DTA NOW FEARS THAT THE PROGRESS WHICH HAS BEEN  
MADE IN REACHING A MUTUAL AGREEMENT MAY BE SERIOUSLY  
JEOPARDIZED AND COMPLICATED BY YOUR UNILATERAL ACTION.

THIS IS A MATTER OF NOT ONLY UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO US  
IN THE DTA, BUT IS PRIMARILY A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH TO  
THE PEACE-LOVING INHABITANTS OF NAMIBIA.

HAVE THERE NOT BEEN ENOUGH MISTAKES MADE AND BLOODSHED  
AND MISERY CAUSED ON THIS CONTINENT THAT YOU SHOULD NOT  
DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO AVOID A REPETITION ALSO IN  
NAMIBIA.

WE, THE DTA, PLEAD WITH YOU TO REMAIN FIRM AS TO YOUR  
ORIGINAL PROPOSALS AND NOT TO FORCE YOUR WILL ON THOSE  
WHO ENDEAVOR TO FIND A PEACEFUL AND MEANINGFUL SOLUTION FOR  
THIS TERRITORY.

THE DTA IS SURE THAT ANY DEVIATION FROM THE ORIGINAL  
PROPOSALS AT THIS STAGE WILL SERIOUSLY EFFECT THE CREDIBILITY  
OF THE FIVE WESTERN POWERS AMONGST THE INHABITANTS OF THIS  
COUNTRY. SIGNED: C. NDJOBA, PRESIDENT; B.J.  
AFRICA, VICE PRESIDENT; D.F. MUDGE, CHAIRMAN;  
K.M. RIRUAKO, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN. END TEST.  
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